

REMARKS

The following remarks are filed in response to the office action dated July 26, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application.

At the time of the office action, claims 1-81 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 12-36 and 60-80 were rejected. Claims 37-59 were allowed. Claims 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, and 81 were objected to and indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

By the present amendment, claims 1, 5, 6, 10, and 60 have been amended. Claims 2, 12-36, and 81 have been cancelled.

Allowance of claims 1, 3-11, and 37-80 is requested.

Claim 2 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of the original claim 2 and is therefore the same as claim 2 rewritten in independent form including the limitations of its base claim 1. Claims 5, 6 and 10 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 3-11 now depend from claim 1. Since claim 1 should now be allowable, claims 3-11 should also be allowable.

Claims 37-59 have already been allowed.

Claim 81 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 60 has been amended to include all limitations of claim 81 and is therefore the same as claim 81 rewritten in independent form including the limitations of its base claim 60. Claim 60 should therefore be allowable. Claims 61-80 depend directly or indirectly from claim 60 and should therefore also be allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the present amendments, the applicants request allowance of claims 1, 3-11 and 37-80.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 50-1515, Conley Rose, P.C.

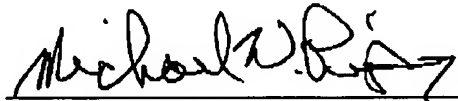
Applicant respectfully submits that the present application as amended is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288.

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